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AND ETUC

1. IN THE WAKE OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE EUROPEAN
TRADE UNION CONFEDERATION (ETUC), IT IS TO BE NOTED
THAT FRENCH EEC COMMISSIONER CLAUDE CHEYSSON HAS COM-
MENTED ON ETUC'S RELATIONS WITH THE CGT, IN CONNECTION
WITH WHAT POLICIES A POSSIBLE FUTURE GOVERNMENT OF
THE LEFT MIGHT INITIATE WITHIN THE EEC.

2. IN AN INTERVIEW PUBLISHED IN THE PRO-PS LE MATIN,
ON JANUARY 21, CHEYSSON WAS QUOTED AS SAYING, IN
RESPONSE TO A QUESTION ASKING HIM TO IDENTIFY THE
FIRST EUROPEAN INITIATIVES A GOVERNMENT OF THE LEFT
SHOULD TAKE:

"....GIVE THE ETUC THE LEVEL OF RESPONSIBILITY IT
OUGHT TO TAKE. TO DO THAT, IT WILL BE NECESSARY FOR
ALL THE UNIONS TO BE REPRESENTED. IT IS INCREDIBLE
THAT THE CGT, WHICH HAS WANTED TO JOIN FOR YEARS,
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STILL HAS NOT BEEN ADMITTED. THE ETUC SHOULD THEN
BE URGED TO ORGANIZE ITSELF IN SUCH A FASHION THAT
THE SECTORAL PROBLEMS COULD BE DEALT WITH ON A
EUROPEAN LEVEL, WITH REAL WORKER PARTICIPATION; AND
THEN A GENUINE PLAN FOR TEXTILES, FOR AERONAUTICS,
ETC., COULD BE WORKED OUT WITH IT...."

3. THE TEXT OF THE ENTIRE ARTICLE IS BEING POUCHED
TO THE DEPARTMENT, ILAB, AND USEC/LABATT.
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